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SUMMARY: VISIT OF AFL-CIO DELEGATION TO DENMARK WAS OCCASION
FOR CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RANGE OF TRADE UNION TOPICS
INCLUDING ILO. AFL-CIO VISITORS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF
LO AND FTF PRAISED VISIT AS STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
RESPECTIVE TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING LATE SATURDAY ARRIVAL, AFL-CIO DELEGATION MEMBERS
WERE RECEIVED SUNDAY AT LO CONFERENCE CENTER AND SCHOOL IN
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EL SINORE BY LO PRESIDENT THOMAS NIELSEN AND FTF PRESIDENT JENS
CHRISTENSEN, THEIR DANISH NORDIC TRADE UNION COUNCIL-HOSTS IN
DENMARK. CONVERSATIONS WITH DANISH LEADERS AND THEIR ADVISORS
LASTED ALL DAY SUNDAY. US DELEGATION CONVEYED TO DANISH LEADERS
DEPTH OF THEIR CONVICTION ON ILO SITUATION AND RECEIVED PROMISES
OF DANISH SUPPORT. ON ICFTU, AMERICAN SIDE INDICATED THAT PROS-
PECTS FOR A RETURN SOON BY AFL-CIO TO THE ICFTU WERE VERY THIN.

2. PROGRAM, ARRANGED JOINTLY BY THE LO AND TH FTF, WENT SMOOTHLY. PICTURE OF U.S. DELEGATION AND THEIR HOSTS RECEIVED PROMINENT PLACE IN LO-OWNED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY NEWSPAPER AKTUELT ON MONDAY (MAY 16). ASIDE FROM DETAILS ABOUT PROGRAM, CAPTION STATED THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND NORDIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS. JUDGING FROM REACTIONS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS, THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.

3. BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES IN FLIGHT SCHEDULES CAUSED BY CURRENT SAS LABOR PROBLEM, DELEGATION CUT VISIT SHORT AT SUGGESTION OF THEIR HOSTS AND, FOLLOWING LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR DEAN, LEFT COPENHAGEN FOR OSLO BY STEAMER LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON.

4. COMMENT: WE JUDGE VISITS LIKE THIS TO BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE IN MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS. EMBASSY URGES THAT AN EFFORT BE MADE TO INSURE THAT SIMILAR VISITS TAKE PLACE AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.
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